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SUBJECT: U.S. POLICY TOWARDS AID CONSULTATIVE GROUP

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1. THE POINTS MADE BY THE EMBASSY IN REFTEL B AND OTHER RECENT REPORTING, ARE WELL TAKEN AND FULLY IN KEEPING WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S POSITION ON THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP ISSUE. WE CONTINUE TO BE GUIDED BY THE CONSIDERATIONS DESCRIBED IN REFTEL A. A KEY PART OF OUR POLICY REMAINS THE REQUIREMENT FOR EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF MEANINGFUL ECONOMIC REFORMS AS A PRECONDITION FOR ANY CONSIDERATION OF US ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO BURMA WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF A CONSULTATIVE GROUP. THERE IS AS YET NO INDICATION THAT THIS IS BEING ADDRESSED REALISTICALLY BY THE GUB. EMBASSY SHOULD CONTINUE TO KEEP US ADVISED AS TO PROSPECTIVE REFORMS WITH APPROPRIATE COMMENT AS TO THEIR REAL MEANING.

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2. CURRENT PLANS, IN KEEPING WITH REFTEL A, CALL FOR US ATTENDANCE AT THE NOVEMBER TOKYO MEETING. OUR DELEGATE WILL, HOWEVER, BE INSTRUCTED TO AVOID ANY US COMMITMENT OTHER THAN TO OBSERVE. WE HAVE NO LATE INFORMATION AS TO IBRD PLANNING. WE UNDERSTAND BANK

OFFICIALS WILL BE IN BURMA DURING JULY/AUGUST, AND ARRANGEMENTS AS TO THE MEETING IN TOKYO WILL BE MADE AFTER THEIR RETURN.

3. THE NEWLY PUBLISHED IBRD REPORT ON BURMA'S ECONOMY HAS BEEN RECEIVED AND POUCHED. OUR INITIAL IMPRESSIONS ARE THAT THIS REPORT IS RATHER OPTIMISTIC BOTH AS TO THE "REFORMS" ADOPTED AND "ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROSPECTS".
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